Barney Prairie Church Records (Before Disciples)

The following are the first pages handwritten in the Barney Prairie Church Records.

Pg. 2 These people met under a large oak tree standing on the _____ bank of the Crawfish creek near where the road running from Patton Station over to the _____ school house crosses that creek where using a large stump for a pulpit. The church was orgainized by these pioneers.

It was organized as a New Light Church and continued as such until__?___ where under the preaching of Rev. Treat the church went over in a body to the gospel advocated by Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone and Owen Scott and assumed the name of The Barney Prairie Christian Church or the Church of Christ at Barney's Prairie.

*William Courter(ie?) whose grandfather in the New Light Church until he was taken out of service by death was one of the charter members and helped to nurture the church during its infancy preaching for the love of the cause of the Master. He came to the community during the spring of 1817 with his sister and brother-in-law Catherine and George Litherland another sister married a man by the name of Oman and another married _____ and all of the names appears in the following records.

Pg. 3 Soon after this the settlement at Palmyra also called Yellow Banks was moved to Mt. Carmel on the account of so much sickness at that point. When the white settlers began their town there an old Indian shook his head and said "Indian die, squaw die, papoose die and white man he die too." They had found this too true and so moved. When this was done the church was moved up to Barney's Prairie and was located in the ground where this church now stands so as to be more centrally located for the convenience of the members after those at Palmyra had moved so far away as to be out of touch with congregation.

Barney Prairie Church Board Records after formation until 1928

July the 17 A D 1819

The Church met to chose an elder and to transact business of the church. The members present seem to desire a Fellowship and wish to and Elder appointed__
After the members present consulted each other the majority was in favor Seth Gard being appointed-elder & Jos. Wood Deacon and Jarvus Fordyce Clerk.

April 9th the church met and a question being proposed who should be appointed to deal with those who had openly transgress and it was agreed that labor should divolve upon the dear one—July 9th 1825 the Church met and after consulting they unanimously agreed that the Elder should be moderator on enny Day he should be absent one of the

deacons should act as moderator

Oct 10th 1829

The church met and after worship proceeded to enquire into the situation of several members and agreed to be more diligent in endeavoring to restore fellowhip in the church

Sept 29 1839 Elder Joseph Ballard was received into the congregation

August 8, 1842 John Shadle to the Elders office
James Ballard David Preston to the Deacon Office were set apart by fasting a prayer and laying on of hands

1843

Feb 15 The following persons agreed to stand good to Brother Trimble for the proportion which will be due him at the of the year $40.00 viz

James Ballard
David Preston
John Shadle 2nd
George Litherland son
Ira Keen
James Pool

1843

July 9th Brother John Standish was set apart to the work of preaching the word by fasting prayer and laying on of hands

June 1, 1850

Proceedings of a meeting held at Barney's Prairie by the Church of Christ. It was agreed that Allen R. Jackman and Robert W. Leek to fill the office of deacons in connection with Brother James Pool. Also that Brother William Courter be liberated to use his talents by exhortation and preaching

Alexander Wells was received by letter from Meigs Creek Church, Ohio March 4 1857

December 26th 1857
Brother James Ballard was released by his request from the office of Deacon and Brother Wm.. P. Preston was chosen to fill his place as Deacon

Marion Chaffee chosen deacon of the church in the place of Joseph Wood, decd, May 21 1859

February 13, 1860

Alexander Wells received in the church by letter from Lick Prairie.

Names moved from First Book to Second??

1830 Eunice Brown, Almarine Daily, James Ballard
1837 Elinor Keen, Rebecca Chaffee, John Buchanan, Joseph Wood, John Wood??, Elizabeth Wood, William Brown, William Litherland, Joshua wood, Babara Dale also Shadle, Charlotte Wood
1841 Catharine Jordan, Mary Hazelton, Margaret Leek, Robert Leek
1844 Jemina Warner, Eliza Greathouse,
1845 Nancy Goodart
1850 Samuel Hazleton, Ira Litherland, Franklin Andrus, Levi Shadle, Nancy Smith, Elizabeth Litherland, Rebecca Andrus,

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New Trustees elected December 31st 1862 were John Buchanan, Ross Shoaff, and Edward Courter.

Elders of the Christian Congregation in Barney's Prairie Wabash Co. Ill-Ira Keen, Robert H. Leek, Ira Wood.. *Date is in the 1860's.*

December 31, 1862-Daniel Keen was chosen as an ordained Elder.

February 8, 1863-Ira Keen and Ira Wood were ordained to the office of Elders.

July 21st 1863. Marion Chaffee, John Buchanan were chosen deacons.

December 31st Wiley B. Childress chosen deacon.

All three were ordained February 8 1863

Thursday Evening Feb 9th of 1865 at a meeting held at the Christian Meeting House one mile East of Friendsville. Walter R. Couch was called to the Chair. Ross Shoaff appointed Secretary. W. R. Couch offered the following resolutions that the present Exigencies of the times forbid that we should endeavor to build a new meeting house. The motion was carried that we should not build a new house. A resolution that, and all purpose of repairing the house and on that subscription was subscribed. Sixty eight dollars paid in cash $15.00.

On motion the thanks of the congregation was tendered to Ira Goodart for services rendered in time of meeting.

The Board of Trustees appointed Ross Shoaff Treasurer.

On motion the minutes was read and received. The meeting adjournment with prayer by W. R. Couch. Ross Shoaff, Secretary.

Paid John Cline for services $15.00 raised by collection. Treasury of Trustees was $112.00 in Cash and the amount paid out $112.00.

June 7th 1868, Jasper Chaffee and Orange W. Pool were chosen as Elders. On

September 13 they were ordained by W. B. F. Treat and G. W. Morrell

June 7th, 1868 John Shoaff and Frederick Goodart were chosen as deacons and were ordained by W. B. F. Treat and G. W. Morrell

March the 9th 1870
At a meeting held at the church house one mile East of Friendsville for the purpose of electing trustees. The following motions were made and carried. On motion W. R. Couch was called to the chair and G. W. Shadle elected secretary.

On motion the constitution and other papers belonging to the association were read.

On motion the report of the Treasury of the Trustees was read and received.

On motion the meeting proceed to the election of Trustees.

On motion John Shoaff, Oliver Wood and G. W. Shadle were elected.

On motion the meeting adjourned with Prayer by W. R. Couch.

February 26, 1871 John Shoaff was chosen elder and Jarius Greathouse, John Leek and James A. Banks were chosen Deacons.

Friendsville Feb 28, 1871

We the undersigned agree to pay for the support of the gospel for the year of 1871 the sum affixed to our names to be paid quarterly to the secretaries or treasurer and they to the Evangelist whom the committed have employed for one fourth of the present year or for whatever time he may be employed.

Committee
O.W. Pool, President of the Board
Ross Shoaff, Sec
O. H. Wood, Sec
Jasper Chaffee, Treasurer
John Shoaff
Samuel Besley
Ira Keen

The committee employed Brother James McMillan for the present year to spend Saturday, Sunday and when expedient -Monday and also a meeting of few Tues Wed or two meetings of one week.

Names of Subscribed

Ross Shoaff $10.00
O. H. Wood $10.00

John Shoaff $5.00
N. B. Brown $8.00
Ira Wood $10.00
Jarius Greathouse $5.00
J. W. Cline $2.00
George W. Shoaff $1.00
Laura Shoaff $1.00
Frederick Goodart $ 5.00
A. Banks $2.50
Charlotte Wood $5.00
S. A. Williams $5.00
Mary Keen $2.00
John Leek $2.00
O. W. Pool $5.00
Edward Pixley $5.00
Jane Chaffee $1.00
Harriet Chaffee $1.00
Samuel Hazzelton $1.00
Mary Prout $1.00
Elizabeth Litherland $2.00
E. Wood 1.00
Melissa Taylor 1.00
Jasper Chaffee 5.00
Wm Shadle 5.00
Eliza A. Newkirk 2.50
David Williams 5.00
John Youngman 2.00
Sarah Newkirk 5.00
Catharine Wood 1.00
Leucinda Wood 2.00
Moses Buchanan 1.00
G. W. Shadle 2.00
Joshua Wood 5.00

On the first day of March 1871. We the undersigned agree to pay to the Trustees of the Christian Church on their agents the sum set opposite our names for the purpose of purchasing the lot on which is situated the House of worship Belonging to said Church beginning at the North West corner of the South West quarter of Section nineteen (19) Township one North range twelve of the principal median running East twenty six rods thence South sixteen rods thence west twenty six rod. Thence north sixteen rods to the place of beginning containing 2 acres and ½ more or less and for hence part of same

Ross Shoaff $5.00

Ira Wood	5.00	
Jasper Chaffee	5.00	
Wm Shadle	5.00	
Henry Briner	11.00	
Jarius Greathouse	5.00	
William Newkirk	2.00	
Ross Newkirk		2.00
Sarah Newkirk	1.00	
Abner Wood	1.00	
John ??	1.00	
Briner	1.00	
G. W. Shadle	5.00	
N. Vories	2.00	
William Wood	2.00	
Lewis Wood	2.00	
Victor Wood	5.00	
W. R. Couch	5.00	
J. T. Maxfield		1.00
C. Besley	1.00	
O. W. Pool	5.00	
Samuel Carbaugh	1.00	
Lizanne Newkirk	1.00	

March 20, 1871

G.W. Shadle elected Secretary and John Leek treasurer. He received the subscription October 16, 1871-March 10, 1872 78

March 20, 1872

At a meeting on said date the following were appointed as a Committee to employ an Evangelist for the coming year. O. H. Wood, Henry Briner, Ira Wood, Edward Pixley, N. B. Brown, Ross Shoaff and John Shoaff.

At a meeting held March 26, 1872 N. B. Brown was appointed President of the Committee and Ross Shoaff Sec. On motion O. H. Wood was appointed Treasurer. On motion the Committee adjourned till the third Saturday in April at 4 oclock in the evening.

April 20th the committee met according to arrangements. The President in the chair On motion the minutes of the last meeting was read and received. (By Request) letters was read from Brother Treat and Wiles. On motion the committee adjourned to be called together by the President.

At a meeting of the Christian Church of the first day of Jan 1872-Ira Wood, Jasper Chaffee Edward Pixley, John Shoaff and Ross Shoaff were elected Trustees of said Church's property to hold office for two years or until their successors are elected.
At a meeting of said trustees on Jan 12 th 1872 John Shoaff was elected President with Ira Wood Treasurer

At a meeting of the Trustees of the 19th of January, 1872. Joseph Shoaff was hired as sexton for the year1872 commencing January for the sum of $20.00

On December 15th ?year the following trustees were elected. A. A. Williams, G. W. Shadle and O. H. Wood to serve one year or till others are duly elected.
Friendsville July 19th 1872

We the undersigned agree to pay the amount affixed to our names for the purpose of employing Brother T. W. Wiles half of his time for one year beginning the 4th Sunday in January 1873? Ending one year from the said time. To preach, visit and do the work of evangelist generaly.

For which we agree to pay him Four Hundred Dollars Quarterly in advance.

Names of the Subscribed

Ross Shoaff	$ 15.00
Mrs. Wm Newkirk	5.00
Mrs. Jarius Greathouse	10.00
Emily Craig	5.00
Frederick Goodart	5.00
Ira Litherland	2.00
G. W. Shadle	5.00
John Leek	4.00
Wm. Laird	5.00
Mary S. Crites	2.00
R. S. Crites	2.50
Wm Wood	2.00
John Buchanan	5.00
Henry Briner	10.00
Ira Wood	20.00
Jasper Chaffee	10.00
Jane Chaffee	2.00
Harriet Chaffee	2.00
G. S. Couch	2.00
Mary Prout	1.00
Elizabeth Wood	4.00

Rueben Seibert 1.00
Jane Adams 2.00
David G. Smith 1.00
William Taylor 3.00
Mary E. Taylor 1.00
Ann Taylor 2.00
Mary A. McCrary 1.00
Edward Pixley 10.00
S. A. Williams 8.00
Charlotte Wood 15.00
O. H. Wood 10.00
Alvores Ades 5.00
Daniel Ades 2.00
Floyd S. Briner 5.00
Louiza Rebison?? 1.00
G. W. Shoaff 2.50
Laura Shoaff 2.50
James Leeds 10.00
James Young 2.00
A, Banks 5.00
Hiram Couch 5.00
L.W. Daley 2.00
D. Williams, in trade 5.00
John Youngman 2,00
John Shoaff 5.00
Charles Besly 1.00
H. D. Hillis 1.00
James Foster and Son 5.00
Mary Young 2.00
N. B. Brown 8.00
Wm Shadle 10.00
Louiza Adams 5.00
Ira Goodart 2.00
Clara Goodart 2.00
Eliza Newkirk 3.00
Lucinda Wood 2.00
?? Wood 1.00
Alexander Wood 5.00
A.B. Keen 5.00
S, C. Besley 2.50
Floriace Pool 1.00
Elias Crites 1.00
Henry Filkey 3.00

October 6th 1872

The Committee met at the call of the President the minutes was read and received. On motion the committtee agreed to employ Brother T Wiles for one year beginning the 4th in January 1873 and ending the 4th Sunday in 1874 for the sum of $400. To be paid by the quarterly. Motion the Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the President. Ross Shoaff, Sec.

At a meeting held by order of the President about the 25th of Feb. 1874 for a final settlement with Bro. T. W. Wiles was found we owed him $120.00 and on motion Brother N. B. Brown was appointed to solicit and to cancel the debt. Ross Shoaff, Sec.

January 1876, the above amount was raised and paid. Ross Shoaff, Sec.

January 3, 1874

Notarization of the official elected trustees of Church of Christ of Barney's Prairie. Oliver H. Wood, Frederick Goodart and Jasper Chaffee. The document was also signed by Ira Wood.

July 24, 1875

Congregation met on the day appointed. Meeting opened with prayer by brother John Shoaff. After which they proceeded to elect Bro. N. B. Brown as Chairman and William Shadle as secretary. On motion of Bro Ross Shoaff congregation voted that it should take a two third vote if all the members present to decide a question coming before the house. Motion carried.

Motion by Wm Shadle that an election be held on the 2nd Lords day in August. Amendment by Bro Chaffee that the election be held on the third Lords Day in in August at 3 oclock. P. M. Motion carried as amended by a unanimous vote. Motion by Bro Chaffee that a general election be held on the day named in the motion above recorded. After discussion vote was taken and resulted in a 3/4 of the votes in favor of the motion. Motion by Bro. G. W. Shadle that there be five elders and five deacons elected at the ensuing election. Vote resulted unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion that voting by proxy not be allowed at the ensuing election except by person that are too sick to come or to old and feeble . Vote unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion by Bro Chaffee that the meeting adjourn. Carried. Will Shadle , secretary.

August 14, 1875

Congregation met at the time appointed on motion. Bro. George Shadle was called to the chairand O. h. Wood appointed Secretary. Minutes of the last meeting read

and received . Ross Shoaff made the motion that the officers that are elected be required to keep a record of all proceedings and to have regular monthly meetings. Amended by N. B. Brown that the meetings be held quarterly. Motion carried . On motion of Bro. S. A. Williams the house went into an election of officers. On motion of N. B. Brown. The house is to elect one officer at a time and that officer to have a majority of the votes cast. Carried. The chair appointed. Ross Shoaff and Samuel A. Williams tellers of the election. Election results as follows: Frederick Goodart, Ira Keen, N. B. Brown, Jasper Chaffee and O. H. Wood were elected Elders. G. W. Shadle, Alexander Banks, John Leek, S. A. Williams and Ross Shoaff were elected deacons.

On motion of N. B. Brown the house voted that we have a yearly election of officers. The present officers to hold their office till there successors be duly elected. On motion the next election be held on the first Saturday of October 1876. On motion the house adjourned. O. H. Wood, Secretary.

August 28, 1875

The officers met according to appointment with elders Frederick Goodart and N. B. Brown present and all the deacons were present. G. W. Shadle was called to the Chair and Ross Shoaff appointed secretary to act during the year. Short address by the president remarks by N. B. Brown and others. Elder Goodart read a part-of the 5the chapter of First Peter. Remarks by Elder Goodart on the above chapter. Remarks by S. A. Williams in regard 18 attending church on Lords Day. Read the 3rd chapter of Timothy. Remarks on the same by Elder Goodart- remarks by the president on and others on duty . On motion resolved that we as a committee see all that we can and try to get them to work up to their duty. On motion that we meet once a month. On motion the secretary was to prepare a book to keep the record to be paid out of the treasure . On motion. That we correspond with preaching brother with a view to employ one for the year 1876. Adjourned till the 4th Saturday in Sept. Ross Shoaff , Secretary

September 28, 1875

Officers met at the time appointed The President in the chair. Elders present were Frederick Goodart, N. B. Brown and Jasper Chaffee. Deacons S. A. Williams G. W. Shadle, John Leek and Ross Shoaff. Minutes of the last meeting read and received. The treasurer's report was called for read and Received . The report read from March 1875 till Sept 28. Bro John leek acting treasurer. On motion Bro John Leek was re-elected Treasurer. Reports from Preachers W. R. Couch proposition for one half his time in twice a month beginning Saturday night Sunday and Sunday night for $325. Motion to employ a preacher once a month lost. Motion to make an effort to have preaching twice a month carried. Motion to make an effort to employ Bro Mullins lost. Motion to make an effort to employ Brother Couch carried. On motion. G. W. Shadle was to circulate subscription and Bro Shadle had this stricken- out "be paid for his labor". Brother O. H. Wood was elected clerk of congregation.

On motion we invite Bros' Ades and Maples to hold a meeting the 4the Sunday in Dec. lost Motion to adjourn to meet in two weeks. Ross Shoaff, Sec.

October 9, 1875

Officers met according to appointment . Present: Elders Frederick Goodart a nd N.B. Brown. Deacons G. W. Shadle, John Leek, Alexander Banks, S. A. Williams and Ross Shoaff. Minutes of last meeting approved. Report of G. W. Shadle in regard to subscriptions for W. R. Couch did not visit all the intended. Bro. Goodart to visit those that had not been see. Adjourned until 4th Saturday in this month. Ross Shoaff, Secretary

October 23

Met at the time appointed. Elders present Frederick Goodart, N. B. Brown, and O. H. Wood. Deacons present G. W. Shadle, Alexander Banks, John Leek, and Ross Shoaff. Report of subscription for Bro Couch. Bro. Goodart raised 58.50 and Bro Shadle raised 239,50
Could have raised all the names thaat was agreed of us. Report of Ross Shoaff from Bro . Couch. That in consequence of accepting the position of Corresponding Secretary of the Indiana Christian Missionary Society he could not preach for us. Remarks by N. B. Brown and there in regard to looking out another preacher. Letter read by G. W. Shadle from Brother Lathrop his proposition for one fourth of his time $200. On motion we endeavor to employ Bro L. M. Wiles if not successful to endeavor to employ Bro Lathrop. Meeting adjourned to meet in two weeks. Ross Shoaff, Secretary.

Nov. 6, 1875 Not enough to do business. R. S. Secretary.

November 20

Met at the time appointed. Officers present. Elders F. Goodart and O. H. Wood. Deacons S. A. Williams, G. W. Shadle, A. Banks, John Leek and Ross Shoaff. Minutes of last meeting approved. Motion to circulate a subscription to employ Brother Wiles. Money due and to be paid at the end of each quarter. Motion to give an order to Bro John Shoaff on the treasurer for five dollars to pay Fleming Williams for prosecution against unruly boy in church meeting that Mr. Williams give a receipt in full for the same. Motion for the chair to appoint a committee to arrange about the disposition of the emblems. Bros Leek, Williams, and Wood was appointed. Adjourned to meet in one week.

Nov. 27th , 1875

Met at the time appointed. Officers present Elders O. H. Wood, Frederick Goodart, N. B. Brown. Deacons G. W. Shadle, and Ross Shoaff. Minutes read and received. O. H. Wood gave his report the committee to continue till nest meeting. Reports of canvasers Amount raise $180.00 Resolved to canvas longer to raise the amount Adjourned to meet in one week .
Ross Shoaff, Secretary.

January 7, 1876

Meeting called to order by President. Officers present F. Goodart, N. B. Brown, jasper Chaffee and O. H. Wood. Deacons: S. A. Williams, John Leek, G. W. Shadle and A.Banks. Report of canvasers that the amount was subscribed to employ brother Wiles for one fourth of his time for the year 1876 beginning the Thursday night before the second Sunday in January On motion of S. A. Williams. Sister Keen proposition for taking care of the meeting house and that we pay her one dollar a fifty cents per month. Committee discharged on motion adjourned. O.H Wood, Secretary protem.

January 11, 1876

At a called meeting the following officers were present. Elders. Keen, Chaffee, Goodart, and Wood. Deacons: Shadle, Williams, Leek, Banks and Shoaff. Minutes read and received. Remarks by the president stating the cause of meeting. To inquire into certain reports concerning Bro. Wiles. charges brought by Brother Chaffee. Bro Wiles being present.Charges all bought out and proved to be nothing but false reports. Ending with a general understanding between the brethren all hardness being forgiven among all the brethren concerned for which we thanked the Lord led by Bro. Wiles. On motion adjourned in all good feeling. Ross Shoaff, Sec.

February 26, 1876

Officers met N.B. Brown was called to the chair . Officers present Elders N.B. Brown F Goodart and O. H. Wood. Deacons S. A. Williams, J. Leek, &R. Shoaff. Minutes of last meeting recieved . Motion by Ross Shoaff that we enter all proceedings against offenders on record on motion. That we withdraw from Sister Transylvania Andrew. Motion withdrawn and Elders was to inquire into the charges and try to reclaim and report success. And also to see all offenders Sister Alice Smith and Brother James Laird for dancing. Sister Clara Buchanan. Br. John Cline, Joseph Shoaff and John Edward Pixley–Wiles misunderstanding. Moved to adjourned to meet Friday before third Sunday. Ross Shoaff, Sec.

April 1, 1876

Meeting called to order by Elder Goodart. Officers present. Elder Goodart and O.H. Wood. Minutes of the last meeting received. Report of Bro Wood. Bro Buchanan gave satisfaction, J. W. Cline Satisfaction. Brother Goodart report Sister Clara Buchanan, James Laird full satisfaction. Other Business Laird held over until the next meeting the third Saturday in this month . Ross Shoaff, Sec

April 26, 1876

Meeting called to order by president. Officers present. Elder Goodart, Deacons G. W. Shadle, S. A. Williams, Alex Banks, John Leek, and Ross Shoaff. Minutes of last meeting approced. Report of G. W. Shadle that the hardness between brother Wiles and brother Pixley is all settled satisfactory.

Brother Leek offered his resignation as treasurer. Not accepted. And was appointed treasurer of all money for the church and preaching. Adjourned to meet the fourth Saturday in June. Ross Shoaff, Sec.

June 24, 1876

Met at the regular monthly meeting . Officers present. Elders N. B. Brown, F. Goodart. Deacons: Williams , Banks, Shoaff. Brother Brown was called to the chair. Brother called in

for report-report not- satisfactory . On motion that we request Bro Wiles to visit as far as possible every family in the church during next meeting. On motion that Brother Williams be appointed to see Brother G. W. Shadle and request him to collect subscription. Motion that Elders Goodart and Brown especially see Brothers Hiram Couch and Samuel Besly and several others also. Motion to adjourn to met at the regular time. Ross Shoaff, Sec.

August 26,1876 not a quorum

September 23, 1876

At the regular meeting President in the Chair Officers present Elders Chaffee and Wood. Deacons G. W. Shadle, J. Leek and R. Shoaff. No Report of any of the above cases by the Elders. Elders not released, and are requested to see these brethern and we insist on a report. Also visit Brother Wm Laird. On motion adjourned. Ross Shoaff, Sec.

December 15, 1876

Congregation met according to appointment bro. G. W. Shadle in chair and John Leek appointed Secretary protem. Brethren and Sister present was nineteen. First order of business was an address from chairman stating object of meeting . Minutes of the last years meeting read. Motion by Brown to receive minutes by striking out the clause yearly election.. Motion withdrawn. Motion that we proceed at once to elect church officers. Motion by John Shoaff that we elect five Elders. Lost. Motion S. A. Williams that we elect four elders and four deacons. Carried. Motion that we elect by ballot and elect one at a time and that a majority of votes shall elect. The meeting proceeded in love and harmony til the requested number was chosen and resulted as follows: Elders: Ira Keen, F. Goodart, Jasper Chaffee, N. B. Brown Deacons: John Leek, O. H. Wood, S. A. Williams, John Shoaff. On motion by S. A. Williams that we elect trustees also motion carried. And resulted as follows: G. W. Shadle, O. H. Wood and S. A. Williams was elected Motion by O. H. Wood to have an election one year from today with drawn Motion by John Shoaff that we meet 1st day of January 1878 to elect officers . Carried motion by R. Shoaff that the officers keep a record of their proceeding on report . On motion adjourned. John Leek, Secretary.

December 23, 1876

Met according to appointment present Elders Frederic Goodart, Jasper Chafee. Deacons John Shoaff and John Leek. Adjourned. John Leek, Secretary

January , 1877

Meet on Friday at the hour of one o'clock and proceeded to organize for the year. Officers present Elders Ira Keen, N. B. Brown, Frederick Goodart, Jasper Chafee Deacons: John Leek, John Shoaff, O. H. Wood. On motion Bro John Shoaff was called to the chair and John Leek was chosen secretary for to serve during the year. Minutes of last meeting read and approved . On motion it was agreed that O. H. Wood act as treasurer. Next report from N. B. Brown in regard to visiting Bro Hiram Couch and sister Alex Smith. Report received moved that brother Keen see Sister Ales Smith and that Bro. Goodart visit Caleb Wells and reclaim him if possible. Also that Brother Chafee see George Smith On motion that Brother S. A. Williams keep and prepare the emblems of the Lord' Supper .Motion that sister Keen take care of the house until September 1st, 1877 for the sum of one dollar per month. Report from Treasurer

received by the Board. Motion that we adjourn to meet two weeks from today at 1:oo clock the 19 of January. John Leek, Secretary.

January 19, 1877

Officers met. Chairman present. Elders present: Ira Keen, N. B. Brown, Jasper Chaffee, F. Goodart. Deacons John Shoaff, O. H. Wood. On motion O. H. Wood was elected secretary protem. First report from committees Jasper Chafee reported unfavorably in regard to George Smith on motion Jasper Chaffee report was received and he discharged . Brother Keen continued til next meeting. Brother Goodart reports favorable on Brother Wells case. On motion his report was received and continued to investigate N. B. Brown moved to deduct time lost by Brother Wiles out of his salary carried on motion we request Brother Ross Shoaff to brother Shadles subscription to collect. N. B. Brown moved to learn the feeling of the Brethren in regard to hiring a preacher . Motion carried. Motion to adjourned to meet in two weeks at 1:00 O'clock. O. H. Wood, Sec protem

Feb 2, 1877

Met at the time appointed President in chair. Officers present, Elders: Ira Keen, Fred Goodeart, Jasper Chaffee. Deacons John Shoaff, John Leek, O. H. Wood. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Brother Keen continued to investigate in regard to Ales Smith. Subject introduced by Brother Goodeart in regard to reorganizing the church. Opposed by Chaffee and Keen and Leek, favored by Shoaff , Goodart, and Wood. Debated finally resulted in a motion that the elders visit all offending and backsliden members and get acknowledgments and promises for the better or if not heir withdraw then. Motion to grant Sister Mary Pixley letter of commendation . Motion to adjourn to meet in two weeks at 1:0clock. John Leek, Sec

Feb 16, 1877

Meeting called to order by chairman. Elders present Frederick Goodart. N. B. Brown and Jasper Chaffee. Deacons John Shoaff and John Leek minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Alternate address from the brethren on the manner of approaching and dealing with offenders. Report from Brother Chaffee in regard to hiring Brother C. B. Black to preach one fourth of his time. His proposition to meet him at Summer and take him back and pay his one hundred and fifty dollars for the year was accepted provided we can raise the amount. Motion that the Chair appoint a committee to canvass with Subscritpions to raise the amount and report Sunday. Committee Jasper Chaffee, Frederick Goodart, John Leek, John Shoaff. Motion to adjourn to meet in two weeks at 1:00 O'clock. John Leek, Secretary.

March 2, 1877

Meeting called to order by Chairman. Opened with Prayer by the same. Present elders Goodeart and Chaffee. Deacons Shoaff , Leek, and Williams. Also present Elder C. B. Black of Clay City. Minutes of last meeting read and received. Report from Bor Goodeart visiting Brother Sam Besley talked favorably. Report from Bro. Chaffee visiting Bro James Laird acknowlegements promised. Brother Chaffee continued to investigate Bro. Frank Price and Manuel Kelly. Discussion in the proposition of hiring Brother C. B. Black at one hundred and fifty dollars . Proposition sustained and agreed that we have meeting the third Lord's day in April. Application for letter of commendation for Sister Harriet Ashly. Decided to grant one. Brother Goodeart and Chaffee apointed to interview Sister Greathouse in regard to objections

made to granting Sister Price a letter. Report from Brother Keen by Shoaff in Allisus Smith case acknowledge made and excepted. Report from committee on Subscriptions amount subscribed.
Subscribed $170. Meeting adjourned to meet the first Saturday in April at 6 O.C. John Leek, Sec.

March 31, 1877

At a called meeting Officers present Elders Goodeart and Chaffee Deacons John Shoaff, Williams , Wood and Leek. First report from Treasurer amount due Brother Wiles for his years labor fifty on dollars (51) Motion by O. H. Wood that we see all the brethren that have not paid their subscription and ge their not and pay brother wiles and take the note motion lost. Motion by John Leek that we obligate ourselves to get him his money by Monday night next. Motion carried. Motion that Brothers Chaffee, Leek, Wood, and Williams act as a committee to collect. Motion to adjourn to meet at 6.O.C. tonight. John Leek , Secretary.

May 4, 1877

Meeting called to order by Chairman. Opened with Prayer by the same. Present elders Goodart and Chaffee. Deacons Shoaff , Leek, and Williams. Report from brother Chaffee visiting Brother Fran Price and Bro Manuel Kelley and Bro James Laird. Acknowledgements promised. Brother Chaffee requested to still investigate charges brought against Brother David Williams and discussed at length but no action taken Charges against a number of brethren for the sin of omission. Motion that the elders visit them. Motion that both purchases two contribution baskets . Motion to adjourn to meet the first Friday in June at six O.C. John Leek, Sec

June 2, 1877

met as appointed Chariman present meeting opened by reading and prayer. Elders present Goodart and Chaffee. Deacons Shoaff and Leek. Minutes of previous meeting read and recieved. Report from bro Goodeart visiting Bro J. Wood for noattendence at Chruch. Report recieved as favorable and requested to continue to investigate.Report from Chaffee visiting Bros. Price entire satisfaction given . Also Bro Laird and Kelley report received. Chaffee requested to visit those members who have joined the Methodist . Motion that we collect what money we can for Bro Black against next meeting. Motion to adjourn to meet first Friday in July at 6 O. C. John Leek, Sec.

August 10, 1877

Met at a time appointed. Chairman present Elders present: Goodart and Chaffee. Deacons Leek and Shoaff. Meeting opened by reading and prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting read and received,. Report from Brother Chaffee visiting those members who have joined the methodist. Motion that we drop them and read their names of the church list. Motion carried. Brothers Goodeart requested to visit brother Samuel Besley for misconduct and report at the next meeting. Meeting adjourned to meet the first Friday in Sept. at 6 O. C. Feb. John Leek, Sec.

September 18, 1877

Officers met. F. Goodart, N. B. Brown, John Shoaff and O. H. Wood Present at the meeting. Opened by prayer minutes of last meeting read and approved. F. Goodart reported favorable on Sam Besley's case. On Motion S. A. Williams was requested to take John Leek's subscription paper propositions heard . For taking care of house on motion Maggie Shoaff proposition for 18.00 per year was received . Meeting adjourned to meet the first Friday Evening in Oct. O. H. Wood, Sec

November 17, 1877

Officers met. Meeting opened by prayer. J. Shoaff, F. Goodart, J. Chaffee, N. B. Brown and S. A. Williams present . Minutes of last meeting read and approved. On motion the note given to pay balance on T. M. Wiles salary be paid two weeks from tonight's meeting . Adjourned to meet in two weeks. N. B. Brown, Sec protem.

December 8

Officers met. Meeting opened by reading and prayer minutes of last meeting approved as read Officers present J. Chaffer , J. Shoaff, S. A. Williams and O. H. Wood. A dividend was struck in order to pay the note given to pay Bro Wiles . Meeting adjourned. O. H. Wood , Sec

January 11, 1878

Church met to elect officers Minutes of last meeting read and approved on motion the election of officers yearly was done away with. Move that it requires a two thirds vote of the house to elect moved that we elect four elders and four deacons. On motion Ira Keen was elected an honorary Elder Following officers elected Elders jasper Chaffee, Frederic Good art. O. H. Wood and N. B. Brown Deacons. Elected were Ross Shoaff, John Shoaff, S. A. Williams and Franklin Price on motion the election was made unanimous on the motion the present trustees Geo. Shadle , S. A. Williams and O. H. Wood were retained four uyears on motion adjourned O. H. Wood, Sec.

Jan 5, 1878

Officers met. Minutes read and approved. Officers present J. Shoaff and J. Chaffee, F. Goodart. S. A. Williams O. H. Wood and Ross Shoaff. Moved that we elect officers moved that John Shoaffbe relected Chairman. Ross shoaff secretary.Moved that Jasper Chaffee be elected treasurer. Motion withdrawn. Moved that secretary's office and treasurer's office be combined. Meeting adjourned S. A. Williams released. ?? K. S. Dicky
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January 26

Meeting opened with prayer by the President-Officers present Elders Chafee, Goodart, Brown and Wood. Deacons :J. Shoaf, Ross Shoaff, Minutes of the last meeting approved. O. H. Wood to visit Elda Andrus for offence. On motion Ross Shoaff was appointed to visit Edna Goodartfor offense. Jasper Chaffee to visit Lemuel Pool. Case of Sister Sarah Dayly. On motion Brown was appointed to visit her. On motionGoodart to visti Sister Crites and Howard report next meeting. On motion Goodart to visit Steve Wood charges ???. Motion that Chaffee and Brown see Couch and Youngman-get them to an agreement. Adjourned for two weeks.

February 12, 1878

Meeting called to order by the President. Minutes read and received. Elders present Chafee and Goodart. Deacons present J. Shoaff, F. Price and Ross Shoaff
Reported of Goodart visted Sister Crites and Mrs Howard??-favorable. Report of Chafee of the difficulty between Youngman and Couch . Satisfactory. Lemuel Pool promised acknowledgement . Report of R. S. Ema Goodart full acknowledgement. Adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

March 19

Meeting called in to order by the President. Opened with prayer. Minutes of the last meetin approved. Oficers present Elders Chaffee, and Wood. Deacons John Shoaff and Ross Shoaff.O. H. 's report in regard to Ella Andrus' wish to be withdrawn from but would reconsider the matter and perhaps will consent to stay with the church. Adjourned to the Saturday before the first in April.

May 4

Officers present Elder Goodart and Chaffee. Deacons John Shoaff and Ross Shoaff. Meeting opened by prayer by the President. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Report of Elder Goodart in regards to Ella Andrus not fully reported. Motion that we try to employ Brother McMillan twice a month til January 1879. Brothers Goodart, Daily and Shoaffs were appointed to solicit subscriptions.

March 13, 1879

Officers met. President at chair. Prayer by Elder Chaffee. Officers present Chaffee, Goodart and Brown. Deacons John Shoaff, O. H. Wood and Ross Shoaff. Goodart report of Victor Wood-satisfactory. Motion that the report be recieved. Report from Bro. Manuel Kelly by John Shoaff. Also James Laird. Both Unsatisfactory. Withdrawn from motion that we withdraw from Manuel Kelly, James Laird. Motion that we withdraw from May Ann Lensy Motion carried. Motion that we withdraw from Lemuel Pool. Motion Carried. Motion that Bro Brown read their names out of the church. Carried.
Motion that Brother Bradley Couch be appointed to the office of Deacon. Carried. Motion that O. H. Wood be released from away a elder. Would not accept. Motion that Brother Wood be appointed as Deacon. Carried.

Statement by the President that Brother Frank Price would not have the office of Deacon and wanted to be relieved and was sorry for the conduct as unworthy of a Christian and would try and live more worthy and wanted forgiven. Adjourned to Friday Night.

November 22, 1879

Officers met Officer present Goodart, chaffee and Brown. Deacons John Shoaff and Ross Shoaff. Minutes of the last meeting approved. Motion that we recieve Brother Couch's proposition to preach 2 Sundays in a month during the year of 1879 for the sum of $200.00 Motion that the Chair appoint 4 persons to circulate subscription papers to be returned next

Sunday. Brown, Chaffee, Wood and Shoaff were appointed. Motion that Brother Brown notify Bro. that we will expect protracted first meeting in December.

January 27,1980??

Officers met. Minutes of the last meeting approved. Officers present Elders Goodart, Brown and Chaffee. Deacons, John Shoaff,, O. H. Wood, Ross Shoaff.
Motion that the secretary write a note to James Laird that he would be expected to make accnowledgement or he will be withdrawn. John Shoaff to read it to him. Motion that Manuel Kelly be notified that he must appear before the church and make all necessary acknowledgement in three weeks or he will be withdrawn from. Motion that we will try and get along with 3 deacons. Motion that a statement be made on regard to O. H. Wood as deacon at some possible time.

September 27, 1880

Jasper Chaffee and Brown report- went to see Harriet Couch, charge Dancing at her house. Satisfactory. Ella Andrus charge Dancing did not want to remain in the church. Continued till next meeting. Lemuel Pool satisfactory by acknowldgemen . Adjourned to meet two weeks on Saturday.

November 4

Officers met President in the Chair. Elders present Goodart, Brown and Chaffee and Wood. Deacons Ross Shoaff. Minutes of the last meetin approved . Motion that in the case of Ella Andrus, that the secretary write to her and get an expression from her.
O. H. Wood report of bro Kelly expressed to attend church and do better. Sister Goodart was sorry that ...and would not do it again. Motion that the chair appoint a committee to see Brother Couch and ascertain that he be invited to preach for the coming year or part of it. Time Goodart and Ross Shoaff was appointed .

Charge against Brother Frank price for fighting and wanting to fight. By O. H. Wood, Motion that J. Shoaff and Goodart see Price and report next meeting. Motion that we come prepared to appoint 2 deacons. Carried. Adjourned to meet in two weeks.

November 18

Officers met. Elders present: Chaffee, Brown and Wood. Goodart. Minutes of last meeting approved .No report from Ella Andrus. No report from Goodart-Ross Shoaff in regard to Brother Couch . Motion that the same committee be returned for the business. Motion that O. H Wood by himself be released from the office of Elder and be put in with Brother Bradley as Deacons to be ..... Motion withdrawn. Brother Couch and Frank Baird are to be presented as the congregation. Xed out

October 20th 1890

The following persons were elected Trustees to serve until their sucessors are duly elected.Ross Shoaff, Paul Newkirk and S. A. Williams

January 1st, 1891

We the undersigned subscribers agree to pay the amount set opposite our respective

names quarterly for the support of the Church at Barnery's Prairie meeting House this present year. **TRUSTEES 031**

Silas Andrus $4.00
Elizabeth Andrus 1.00
C. S. Andrus 1.00
Clara S. Andrus 1.00
H. L. Cline 4.00
Etha Keen 1.00
Lori E. Keen 1.00
James Shultz 1.00
O. H. Wood 8.00
Lizzie Wood 1.00
J. O. Wood 1.50
M. J. Williams 4.00
Callie Fry 1.00
Hugh H. Fry 1.00
Alma Fry 0.40
Manie Keen 1.00
Kristi Keen1.00
A. B. Keen 1.00
Sarah Wood 1.00
Rufina Wood 1.00
Ella Wood 0.50
Mrs. Wm Keen 0.50
William Keen, Jr. 1.00
W. R. Foster 1.00
James L. Williams 0.50
W. K. Wood 0.50
Berta Fry 1.00
Stella Fry 1.00
Abner Wood 1.00

March 25, 1906 at an election held at Barney Prairie Christian Church, John Goodart was elected Trusteed in place of A. A. Williams who had moved away

On March 20, 1908 at an election held at Barney Prairie Christian Church the following Trustees were elected Trustees to serve until their successors are duly elected. Paul Newkirk, J. W. Goodart and W. K. Wood.

December 15, 1912 at an election held at Barney's Prairie Christian Church the following persons. were elected trustees to serve four years or until their successors are duly elected. C. J. Wood, O.P. Ball and J. W. Goodart.

1898-Brother McCoy
Brother McMillan 1879-twice a month in 1878 till Jan 1879

Board Officers around 1919

Elders-O. H. Wood, C. S. Andrus, Paul Newkirk, W. W. Weedon

Deacons-George W. Schrader, William Lientz, Clifton Wood, Milton Risley, Wilmer Risley, Thomas Howe (between 1919 and 1928-his name was added in pencil).

Trustees-William K. Wood, Alonzo Thrapp, Silas Andrus

Board Officers in 1928

Senior Elders -O. H. Wood, C. S. Andrus, Paul Newkirk

Junior Elders-Silas Andrus, Thomas Howe, Milton Risley

Deacons-George W. Schrader, Wilmer Risley, Emmett Risley, Clifton Wood, (Florist Thrapp added in pencil)

Trustees- Arthur Wood, Lyman Kneipp, Alonzo Thrapp